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SENATOR SAVAGE: Well you said that he wasn't arrested period. Somebody asked you the question if he had ever been arrested, you said no he just got some points. But you don't get points unless you get arrested.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Your point is very well taken, I was under the impression that it was a different type of arrest that Senator Simpson had in mind.

PRESIDENT: Senator Epke, are you passing? Alright, Senator Snyder and then Senator Kime? Senator Kime, I would have caught you a minute ago but your light was on and then off and now you are back on again, I will get back to you in a minute, Senator Snyder?

SENATOR SNYDER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, a question of Senator Duis if he would yield please?

PRESIDENT: Senator Duis yield?

SENATOR SNYDER: Thank you Senator. Senator you are Chairman of our Rules Committee and I observe this year a very tactful, adherence to the rules throughout. Is it your opinion, being one of strict procedure, is it your opinion that if there was a person on the ballot for an elective office for the Legislature, City Council, whatever and to your knowledge and it was public knowledge that there were 43 points against his driving record, would you be a little bit shaky in offering your public support in working for that person? For an elective office on the ballot?

SENATOR DUIS: Well I am trying to figure out, why do you ask me a question like that?

SENATOR SNYDER: You were the one who had said that 43 points didn't make that much difference.

SENATOR DUIS: I didn't say that 43 points didn't make that much difference. I said that this man for the last couple of years, has been a successful business person. Now I don't know if you are going to take me at task about whether how I am going to vote or what my opinion is or how I should vote or do something for somebody else but here is the young man who has been in business for the last couple of years and has been successful and I see absolutely no reason why we shouldn't give him a chance to prove himself that he can be. I wouldn't want someone to do that to me when I had been in business for a couple of years and if you want a direct question, you asked me a question what I would do if someone was on the ballot and their public support, I think that it would make a lot of difference as to what he was at that particular time.

SENATOR SNYDER: Thank you. Mr. President, my point is this. Now we have had this come up several times in the Legislature, it is a perennial question and it comes up often during each session and that is that we allow a person who is of an appointive nature to go under less scrutiny than those of us who stand a test of the ballot, those of us who stand the test of the ballot come under the scrutiny of the voters and yet we sit here as a body and forego our duty to the public by just making rubber stamp issues of such as this as we have in front of us.

PRESIDENT: Next to speak is Senator Kime.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a motion on the desk. I move the previous question, signed Senator Dickinson.

PRESIDENT: O.K., the previous question has been moved. Does the Chair see five hands? I don't see five, thank you. Question is, shall the debate now close, all those in favor of closing debate vote aye, all those opposed vote no. Motion is to close debate on